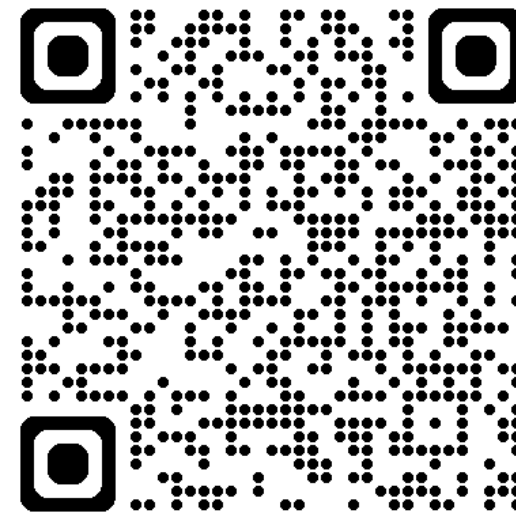




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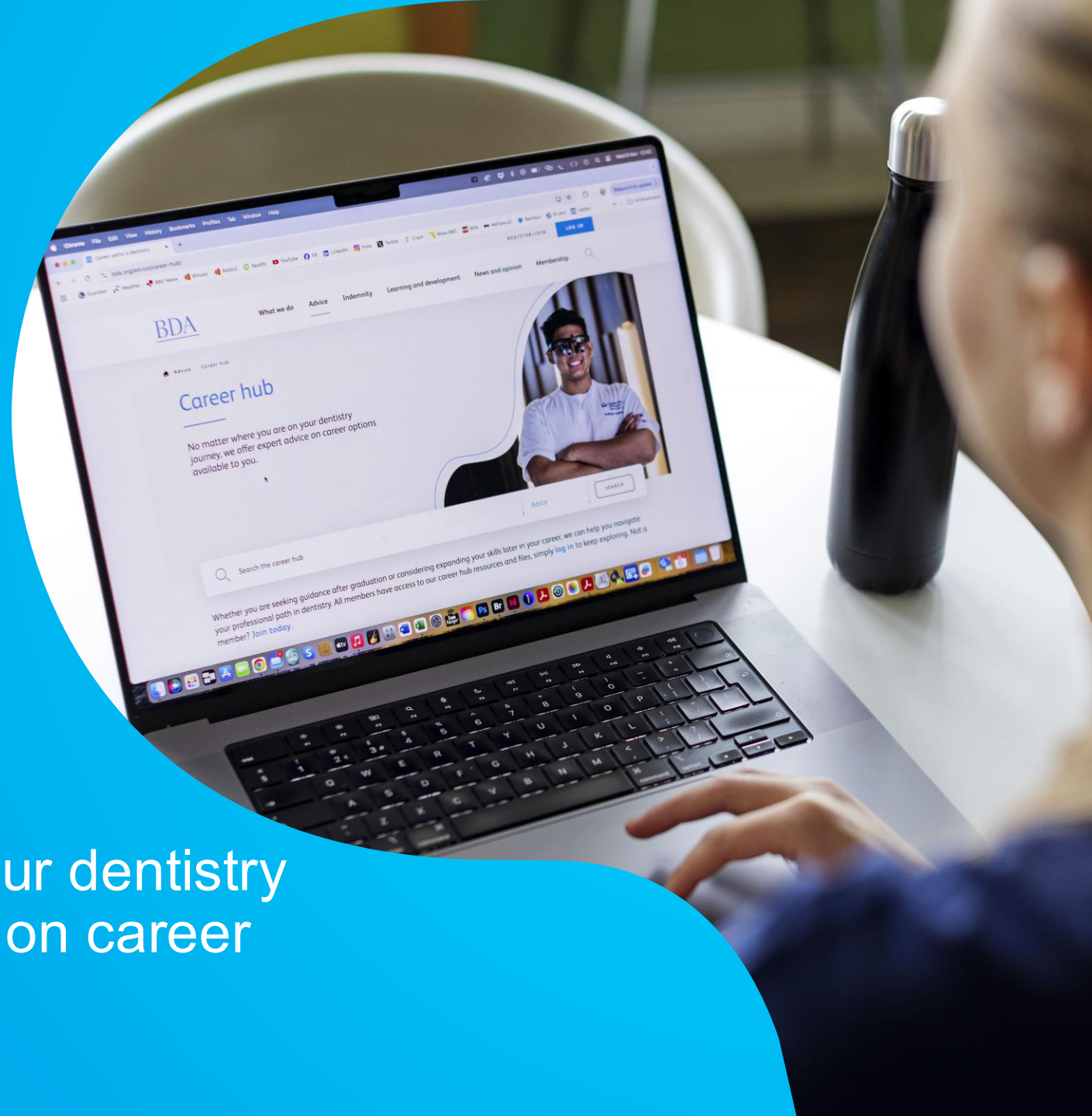


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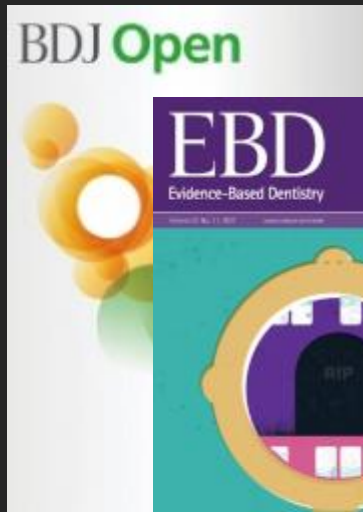


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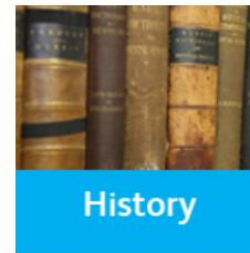
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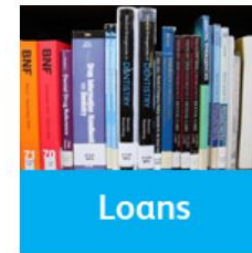
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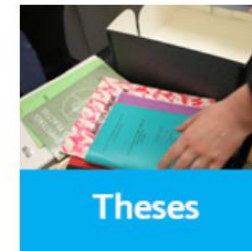
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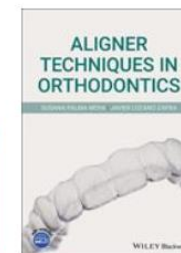


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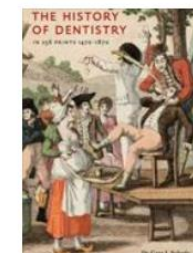
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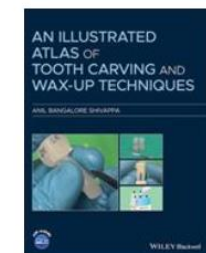
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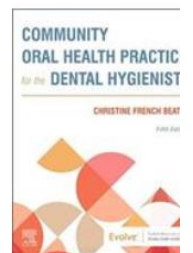
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Price

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Time

18:45 - 21:30

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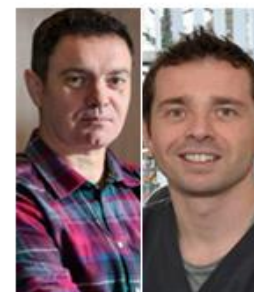
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Friday 11 September 2026
Young Dentist Group Study Day
Grand Central Hotel, Belfast

Friday 18 September 2026
Association Cup, Ladies Salver and Veterans Salver
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Thursday 24 September 2026
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Liam Diamond & Simon Killough

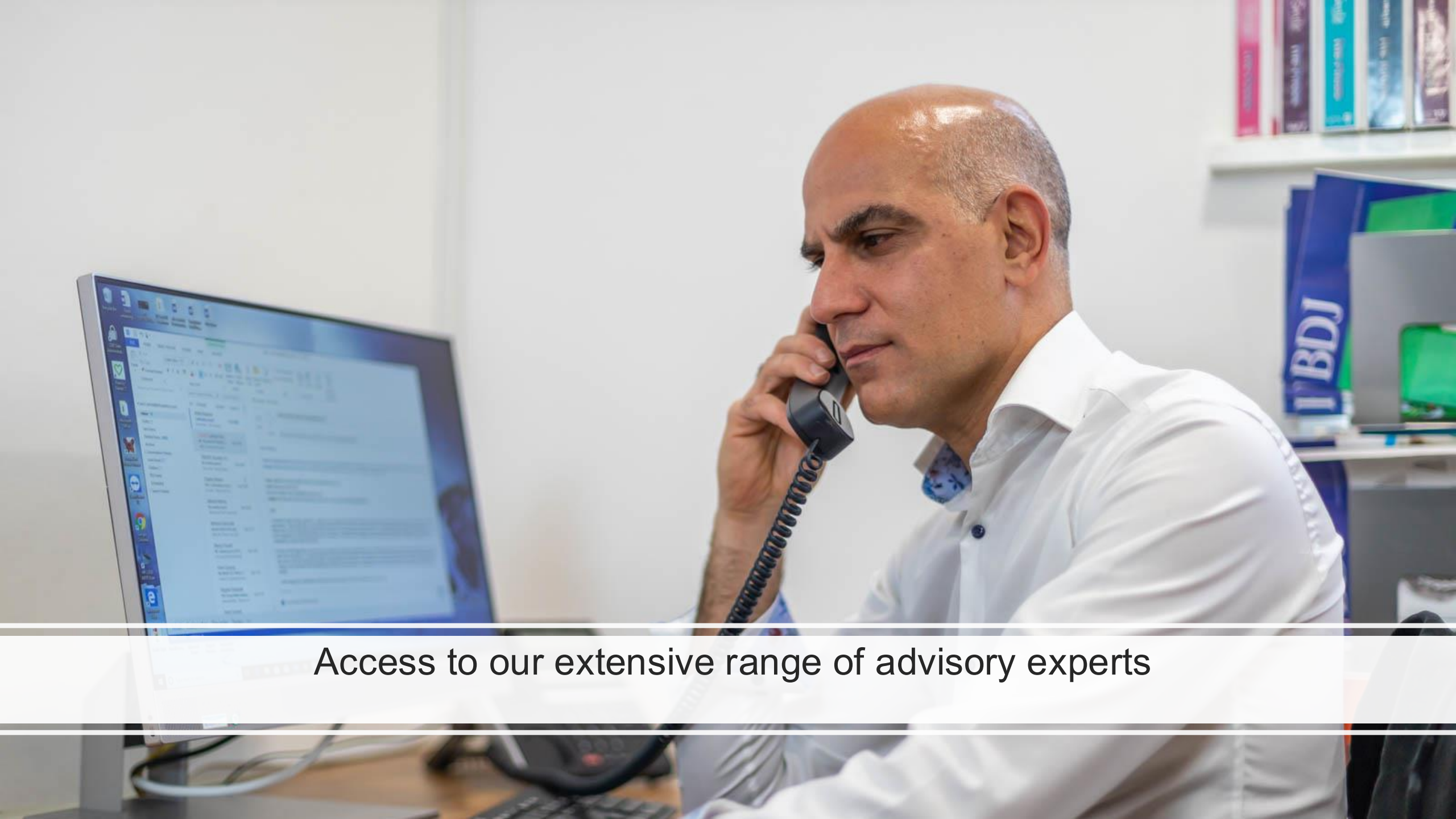
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Dinner with CPD
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**Clinical Management of Medically
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Wednesday 18 November 2026
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Tuesday 24 November 2026
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Dentists say funding plan will not transform services



Ciara Gallagher is chairperson of the BDA's Northern Ireland Dental Practice Committee



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[BDA on X: "At a Northern Ireland Assembly debate on 28th April : 'Tackling Barriers to Accessing an NHS Dentist,' MLAs were unanimous in the need to provide additional support to stabilise health service dentistry at this time of crisis, 1/2 https://t.co/JV9WBJ6jGE" / X](https://t.co/JV9WBJ6jGE)

Northern Ireland has seen the most rapid decline of health service dentistry

Diane Dodds

Tackling Barriers to Accessing an NHS Dentist

Resolved:

*That this Assembly expresses alarm that the percentage of the population not registered with a National Health Service (NHS) dentist in Northern Ireland has increased significantly over the last 10 years, with only 50% of adults now registered; is concerned that, in the last year alone, patient registrations have declined by over 17%; highlights that the number of NHS dental treatment claims are down over 33% on pre-pandemic levels; believes these trends pose a grave threat to access to vital services as well as oral health outcomes more generally; notes, in particular, the practice of registrations lapsing due to non-attendance and the challenges this presents for individuals in need of urgent and preventative dental care; recognises that underfunding, coupled with rising practice operating costs, has contributed to **a dental payment model which is no longer viable** and the most rapid shrinkage of NHS dentistry anywhere in the United Kingdom across all trust areas; further recognises the need to improve access to affordable dental care for both registered and unregistered patients; regrets that the **cost-of-service review of general dental services has still not been published** by the Department of Health; and **calls on the Minister of Health to develop a new oral health strategy to reform these services, address workforce challenges, expedite dental payment reform** and introduce specific measures to address barriers to accessing dental care in all communities.*

Other issues being progressed –in brief

- Dental Workforce
- HDS –Data refresh ‘Temperature check’ survey
- Dental Tourism –proper regulation
- DDRB
- Air ventilation –HTM 03-01
- Oral Surgery Pilot –moving to a performer payment model

How do I get involved?

Membership fees

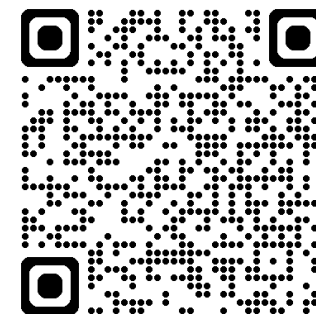
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- 09:00 Welcome and opening remarks
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 - Endodontics in practice: tips, traps and managing complications
 - Crafting happiness; building your own path to a fulfilling career
 - BDA membership and mentorship and vision for the future
 - 'Ask a Dentist Q&A' with Ciara Gallagher, Phillip McLorian and Katie Dolaghan
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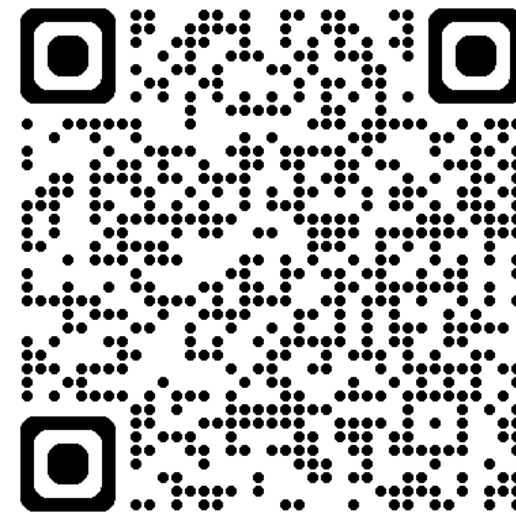
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